

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service-Revenue Department-Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, Veldurthi village I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District-Trapped on 26.12.2008-Sanction for Prosecution-Orders issued.

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REVENUE (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No:1134

Dated:28.10.2009

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Veldurthi from 28.05.2006 and I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District from 18.12.2007 to 26.12.2008 and, as such he falls under the category of a public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;

2. And Whereas, Smt Devarapu Nookalamma W/o Lazur is a resident of Current Office Metta, 1<sup>st</sup> ward, Pithapuram of East Godavari District;

3. And Whereas, it is alleged that Smt Devarapu Nookalamma who occupied Government Poramboke site 8 years back, built a thatched house and has been living in it. For long time she had been roaming around the Mandal Revenue Office for the patta of house site. On 08.09.2008 Devarapu Nookalamma along with 6 neighbours met the Joint Collector, and submitted a representation with a request to issue land pattas to their occupied house sites. The Joint Collector endorsed their representation to the Mandal Revenue Officer, Pithapuram. On the same day they handed over their representation to the Tahsildar, Pithapuram, who received the same and informed them to meet Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District. Accordingly they met Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, who asked them to meet him later on. As Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana demanded bribe, the other six members decided to turn back. Since then Smt Devarapu Nookalamma alone was pursuing the matter and when she approached Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, he demanded to pay Rs. 20,000/- as bribe to cause enquiry and submit the report to the Mandal Revenue Officer. When Smt Devarapu Nookalamma expressed her inability to pay the bribe amount, he asked her to leave. On 4.12.2008 Smt Devarapu Nookalamma again met Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana and pleaded her inability to pay such a huge bribe and accordingly he reduced the same to Rs. 15,000/- and promised her to give the Mandal Revenue Officer the enquiry report in her favour, soon as the said bribe is paid to him. When she pleaded her inability to pay the huge amount as bribe, he asked her to give Rs.10,000/- first and Rs.5,000/- on the date of issue patta. As Smt Devarapu Nookalamma was

not willing to pay the bribe, she reported the same to the District Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajahmundry Range on 24.12.2008, the same was informed to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru, FAC Rajahmundry Range over phone, who instructed the District Inspector to conduct discreet enquiry and submit the same. Accordingly, the enquiry was conducted and basing on the report of the District Inspector, the report of Smt Devarapu Nookamma was registered as a case in Cr.No.21/ RCT-RJY/ 2008 under sections 7, 13 (2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 26.12.2008 at 9.00 A.M and arrangements were made for laying trap;

4. And Whereas, after completing the pre-trap proceedings on 26.12.2008, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Eluru range, FAC Rajahmundry Range, District Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajahmundry range, Inspector-II, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajahmundry range other Inspectors, Mediators, staff of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajahmundry Range and Smt Devarapu Nookamma left to the Office of Tahsildar, Pithapuram, where Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana was successfully trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials when he further demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from her. The sodium carbonate solution tests conducted on the fingers of both hands of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana yielded positive result. The tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- was recovered from the left side pant pocket of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana. The sodium carbonate solution test conducted on the inner lining of the left side pant pocket of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana also yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the resultant solutions, pant of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, the tainted amount and the remaining sodium carbonate power etc., connected documents for the purpose of investigation;

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District from Government service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator Report, I & II, Gist of statement of witnesses etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District should be prosecuted in a court of law;

7. Now Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby accord

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sanction for the prosecution of Sri Koppineedi Suryanarayana, formerly Village Revenue Officer, I/c Block-II, Pithapuram, East Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with section 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

( ASUTOSH MISHRA )  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Director General,  
Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER